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Applicant: Jason A. KAY et al. Conf.: 5021
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHAPING GLASS TUBES
USING AN INTERNAL MOLD

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated March 18, 2003, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to July 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. An apparatus for shaping a selected end region of a hollow cylindrical glass tube used in the manufacture of optic fibers comprising: